OVERLOOK SITE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

For all options, the overlook site concepts incorporate the ideas presented in both the NCPC Memorials & Museums Master Plan, September 2001, and the Development Plan and Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) Vision for the Southwest Waterfront, October 2002.

Two options presented illustrate a potential museum, visitor/ transportation center and a 1,200-car parking facility.

Access from I-395 onto 9th Street is maintained in both options, as well as a two- way connection from the Promenade to 9th Street.

Option 1: Museum located adjacent to Visitor/Transportation Center

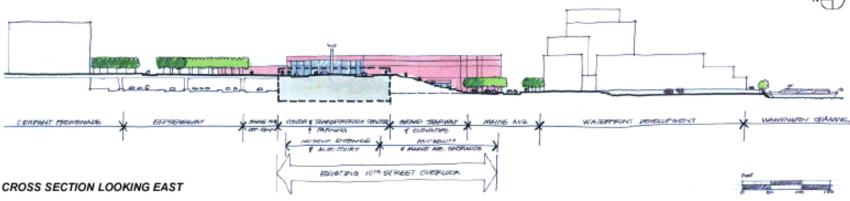
This option provides for tour bus parking and 1,200 parking spaces in a separate structure located between the museum and the expressway.

The Museum has a strong presence on Maine Avenue and 9th Street. It is equally important that the Museum have a strong presence at the terminus of the promenade. A lobby is illustrated on top of the garage at the auto turn-around and at the top of the grand stairway. A semi-circular deck over the expressway provides an attractive foreground for the museum and gateway to the waterfront.

The grand stairway provides a strong visual and physical link to the waterfront. Elevators incorporated into the parking structure provide an alternative ways up and down from the Promenade level.

Buses enter from 9th Street and exit onto Maine Avenue (right turn only). Automobiles enter and exit from 9th Street and from the Promenade level.



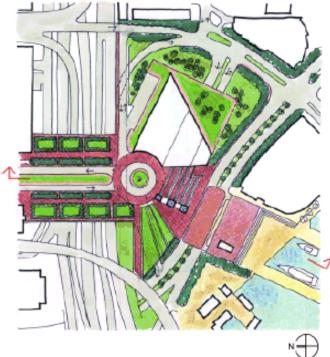


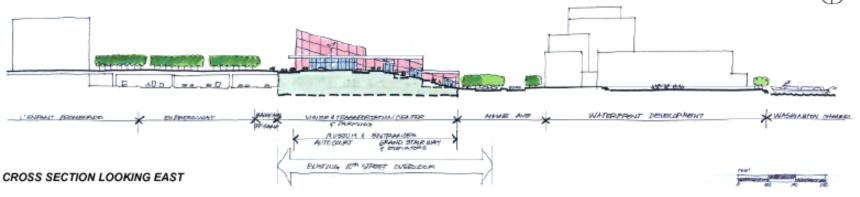
Option 2: Museum located above Visitor/Transportation Center

This option provides for tour bus parking and 1200 parking spaces mostly "underground." It is essentially a low profile plan that provides a stepping down of the museum and parking structure to create a "building in the park" setting.

A wider expressway crossing is illustrated to stress the importance of providing an attractive front door for the museum at the south end of the Promenade. The museum would also have another entrance on Maine Avenue.

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